

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 20, and ending on page 8, line 4, with the following revised paragraph:

--In order to input data without relying on the visual sense in password input, a dial input mechanism has a mechanism for giving the user a click feel per unit rotation angle. While such a mechanism may issue a click tone, a process is preferable where stop positions are provided per unit rotation angle via a mechanical structure and a click feel is transmitted to a finger rotating the dial. In case a mechanical click feel and a click tone are used together, it is desirable to be able to suppress the click tone according to the use conditions via a switch provided separately ~~or else~~--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 23, and ending on page 11, line 4, with the following revised paragraph:

--The password authentication unit 105 compares the password converted by the password conversion unit 103, that is, an input password, with a pre-registered password and authenticates the input password when the comparison revealed data match. A unit may be provided whereby the subsequent password input is rejected ~~in case~~if the comparison ~~revealed~~reveals data ~~unmatched~~with a predetermined count.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 1-5, with the following revised paragraph:

--In case the dial is rotated too far clockwise, the input is canceled by pressing the dial thus operating the attached switch. The ~~then~~new position of the dial is used as a new start point, from which the dial is rotated clockwise to obtain the number of clicks to be input.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 21-25, with the following revised paragraph:

--In case the dial is rotated too far while a password is input, the input is canceled by pressing the dial thus operating the attached switch. The ~~then~~new position of the dial is used as a new start point, from which the dial is rotated in a proper direction to obtain the number of clicks to be input.--